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Extension of the powers of the Sar Khaji & the amendment in the present police system.

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To

The Secretary to the Commissioner
for the Government of the Territories
of the Rajah of Mysore
Bangalore

Sir

In my letter of the 29th October last, regarding the appointment of Sir Ameer u Mysore, some allusion was made to the inefficient State of the Police in the City an this has proved a source of such constant and painful Anxiety ever since my arrival in th Division, that I trust I may be excused for introducing the subject upon the notice of the Commissioner.

2d To enable him to judge of the circumstances which induce me to bring it forward, I beg to annex a Statement No 1 shew in the abstract the number of Murders, Succ accidental deaths and Robberies (exclusive of common thefts) which have taken place within the Town from the 1st of January to the 30th of November of the present Year.

3d Among these the number of Suicides and accidental deaths appears to be very large, but with regard to those

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respectable inhabitants, from whose
seems no tangible reason to conclude that the
deaths have been improperly classed under the
two heads above mentioned.—

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number of Murders and Robberies, however
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State of the Town and seem to call for a reformed
System of Police as one great means of check-
ing disorders of so flagrant a nature.

5th Under the Management of the Rajah
the executive of the Police was chiefly vested
in the Barr Cutcherry, a large number of the
Troops of which Establishment was constantly
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7th The Cantonally Establishments
See Statement No 3 which are more than
ample as a frame work if aided by a
sufficient body of Peons were also formed
with reference to the same system, but
they have suffered a great reduction in
point of pay as will be seen by the State-
ment and the Arrears due to them are
so large that distress to which they are
subjected must be a great temptation to
dishonesty.

8th I take this opportunity to forward
the Accounts of these Arrears amounting to
Co Pagodas 2907* which I beg to be authorized
to make an early adjustment.

9. Some amendment of the
System seems urgently called for and it
remains for the Commission to decide
whether an entire Re-organization of
the Police should be resorted to by
assimilating it to that of other parts of
the Country and employing a new body
of Canadachar Peons, or whether it should
still be maintained thro' the instru-
mentality of the Karr Establishment.

10 In the latter case I must
shew the Men of this Establishment
have

* Part of this sum is said to be disputed on account of a retrospective reduction.

have returned from receiving their arrears to make such an arrangement by curtailing necessary Guards &c in other places, as shall, after providing for the demands of the Jail, working parties of Prisoners &c leave a sufficient body of men to be posted in different parts of the City in addition to the guards which I found on receiving charge of the Division.

11th Whatever plan he may be pleased to adopt, I should beg to recommend that greater advantage should be taken than at present of the Services of the Sur Cauzy, who might independent of mere considerations of Police, be rendered extremely useful if vested with Judicial powers both in Civil and Criminal Cases.

12th He has at present no jurisdiction except in petty Police Cases which might safely be entrusted (under his Superintendence) to the Sur Amen.

13th It is also impossible for the Amildar to give proper attention to his revenue duties while clogged with any part of the Police and the Civil Jurisdiction in the Town now devolving on him by the Judicial Rules, and both

both he and the Principal Sudder Moonsiff would be sensibly relieved by the extension of the powers of the Sur Cauzy whose authority could always be more promptly exerted than that of either of the above mentioned officers, and which being thus strengthened and rendered more respectable in the eyes of the inhabitants, would, it is hoped, tend greatly to the preservation of good order.

14th. The large population and the number of Strangers from all parts of India and of persons out of employ in Mysore render it so necessary that a vigorous and efficient System of Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction should be established that I trust it will not be considered that I have attached undue importance to the question.

15th. By what has been said above I would not wish to imply that the existing disorders in the Town have resulted entirely from the reduction in the Police Establishment since the

the time of the Rajah.

16th The murders and Robberies prior to the assumption of the Country having been filed in the Adawlut I have had no means of ascertaining their number and with regard to Suicides and accidental deaths (by which term bodies found in Wells Pullahs &c are chiefly intended) no record whatsoever was taken of them. At all events, no cause of irregularity viz. the number of persons out of employ did not then exist to the same extent as at present.

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Signed J. F. Chalmers

Superintendent

Superintendt's Office
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Statement Shewing the number of Murders, Suicides, Accidental deaths, and Robberies which have taken place in the Town of Mysore from 1st January to 30th November 1834.

	Months	Murders	Suicides	Accidental Deaths	Robberies
1834	January	1	"	"	2
	February	1	"	"	6
	March	1	"	"	3
	April	"	"	"	2
	May	1	"	"	2
	June	"	"	"	1
	July	"	2	1	4
	August	"	"	3	1
	September	1	"	"	"
	October	1	1	1	1
	November	1	2	3	1
	Total	8	5	9	23

8 No 2

Statement Shewing the number of Guards posted in the Town of Mysore during the time of His Highness the Rajah as compared with those recently Stationed

Guards	No of Pahras in the time of H.H. the Rajah	No at present posted
Main Guards	16	3
Sur Amen and Eight Destrict Cutwalls	9	8
Pyguahy	42	23
Seeranapet Mahalay		"
Basavum do	5	"
Kusby do	8	"
Old Agrahaur	6	"
New do	2	"
Kazi Bagh	3	"
Mundaya do	8	"
Lushtur do	3	"
Total	107	34

Statement Shewing the number and Pollaries of the Servants attached to the Sur Ameens Cutcherry in the Town Mysore.

No. of Persons	Situations	Original Pay		Reduced by Dissuppraje			Reduced by the Diwan in August 1830			Present Pay in Pagodas		Present Pay in Rupees		
				No. of Situations	Amount of Pay reduced	Amount Remaining	No. of Situations	Amount of Pay reduced	Amount remaining					
		Cp.	f.		Cp.	Cp.		Cp.	Cp.	Cp.		R	a	p
1	Sur Cutwall	40	"	"	10	30	"	10	20	20		45	4	"
1	Deputy Ditto	7	"	"	2	6	1	5	...	...		...	...	...
10	Petty Cutwalls	38	"	"	14	24	1	6	19	19		42	12	"
2	Sheristadars	18	"	"	4	14	1	6	8	8		18	1	"
4	Goomashtahs	12	"	"	"	12	2	6	6	6		13	8	"
2	Foujdad Muttseddies	6	"	1	4	2	"	"	2	2		4	8	"
10	Mahalay Muttseddies	21	5	1	3½	18	"	"	18	18		40	8	"
1	Kotulmuttseddie	4	"	"	1	3	1	3	"	...		...	...	...
1	Sur Chowdry	5	"	"	2	3	"	"	3	3		6	12	"
2	Hasayee Chowdries	6	"	1	2½	1½	"	"	1½	1½		3	6	"
9	Mahalay do	17	"	1	5	12	"	"	12	12		27	"	"
24	Kullurtrust	34	6	5	4-6	25	"	10	24	24		54	"	"
65	Dundy Tulwars	70	2	18	22-6	47-6	"	"	47-6	47-6		109	5	"
3	Maistries	5	5	1	2	3½	"	"	3½	3½		7	14	"
1	Vijanagar	3	"	1	3	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
1	Shroff	1	5	1	1½	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
1	Gollar	1	5	"	"	1½	"	"	1½	1½		3	6	"
4	Shinga Tamalay	5	6	"	8	4½-3	2	2-4	2-4	5	6	"	"	2
139	Total	294	4	30	87½	206-9	8	38-4	168½	168½	381	10	"	10

Particulars of the present Establishment

Sur Cutwall				Rs.
Eight Petty Cutwalls at the rate of 4 Rs and 4 Annas				45 4 " 45
Kellay Cutwall				36 " "
Sheristadar				6 12 " 42
Two Goomashtahs at the rate of 6 Rs and 12 Annas				18 1 "
1 Foujdad Muttseddie				13 8 "
1 Muttseddie				4 " "
1 do				3 10 "
7 do	at the rate of 4 Rs 8 "			5 6 " 36
8 Chowdries	at the rate of 3	6 "		31 8 "
16 Kullerbunt	"	3 6 "		27 " " 40
				27 " " 27
				54
			Carried over	Rs. 245